## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In re:		Bk. Nos. 09-14565-JMD 09-14566-JMD	
Financial Resources Mortgage, Inc., and		Chapter 7	
C L & M, Inc., a/k/a Loan Servicin and other jointly adn	ng,	Jointly Administered	
Debto	ors	Hearing Date: 3/18/2010 Hearing Time: 1:30 p.m.	
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This pleading concerns the following jointly administered case(s):			

## APPLICATION OF THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE FOR AN ORDER APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF RADIE-COFFIN, CALLAGHAN & MINDLIN, P.C. AS REAL ESTATE ATTORNEYS

NOW COMES Steven M. Notinger, the Chapter 7 Trustee, by his attorneys, Donchess & Notinger, P.C. pursuant to U.S.C. §327(a) and Federal Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), requests that this Court, on an ex-parte basis, approve his retention and employment of the Radie-Coffin, Callaghan & Mindlin, P.C., 6 Garvin Falls Road, Concord, New Hampshire (RCM), as real estate attorneys to the Trustee. In support of this Application, the Trustee states as follows:

1. On November 20, 2009 (the "Petition Date") involuntary petitions for relief pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code were filed against Financial Resources Mortgage, Inc. ("FRM") and C L& M, Inc. ("CLM") by three unsecured creditors with the assistance of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. The Trustee was appointed as the gap trustee, and

then the interim trustee for both FRM and CLM. This Court granted joint administration of the FRM and CLM cases on December 14, 2009 and designated 09-14565-JMD as the Lead Case (See Document No. 49 on the Lead Case Docket). FRM and CLM are associated with a large ponzi scheme that used the mortgage brokerage business to steal millions of dollars from investors.

- 2. As part of the scheme, over 90 trusts were created and used as vehicles to perpetrate fraud (the "Debtor-Trusts"). The principals in FRM, Donald Dodge ("Dodge") and Scott David Farah ("Farah") solicited individuals to participate in the Trusts which were used to lend funds on various projects. Dodge Financial, Inc. was the Trustee of most if not all of the Trusts. All monies were funneled through CLM, comingled and used to continue the ponzi scheme until the scheme collapsed in November 2009.
- 3. The Trustee was appointed as Receiver for the Debtor-Trusts by the Belknap County Superior Court (New Hampshire) for purposes of placing the Debtor-Trusts into Chapter 7 bankruptcy, with the idea that they will eventually be substantively consolidated with CLM and FRM and their assets liquidated for the benefit of all defrauded creditors. See e.g. In Re Corporate Financing, Inc. 221 B.R. 671 (Bankr.E.D.N.Y. 1998).
- 4. As part of that liquidation process the Trustee requires the services of an experienced real estate attorney to review real estate records, assist the Trustee with title insurance claims and review, and to generally assist the Trustee in the liquidation of the real estate assets in the case.

- 5. The Applicant is well qualified to handle the issues in this case, as members of its firm have extensive experience in the areas of loan workouts, foreclosures, lender liability, title examination and title insurance issues (see firm member biographies attached hereto as Exhibit B).
- 6. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, RCM has no connection to the parties in this case except as outlined in the Affidavit of Tenley Callaghan, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

  After due inquiry, the Trustee is satisfied that RCM is a disinterested party in the matters in which it is to be engaged within the meaning and intent of 11 U.S.C. §101(14). See Exhibit A.
  - 7. The Trustee believes the employment of RCM is in the best interest of the estate.
- 8. RCM agrees to represent the Trustee on an hourly rate plus expense reimbursement basis. The hourly rate for services provided ranges from \$50.00 to \$200.
- 9. All fees and expenses are subject to the Court's approval after an appropriate application at the completion of services and a finding that the fees and expenses are: (a) reasonable; (b) actual; (c) necessary; and (d) of benefit to the estate.
- 10. RCM has been working with the Trustee since approximately February, 2010. However, for the convenience of all parties and the Court, the Trustee held off on filing this employment application until all of the Debtor-Trust bankruptcy cases were filed and jointly administered with FRM and CLM. Therefore, employment is requested <u>nunc pro tunc</u> to the commencement of work by RCM or the Petition Date whichever is later.
- 11. This application has been forwarded to the Office of the United States Trustee and to everyone on the electronic mailing system.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee Steven M. Notinger respectfully requests that the Court:

- A. Approve the employment of RCM under the terms specified above and;
- B. Grant such other and further relief as it deems just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVEN M. NOTINGER, CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date I served the above Notice of Hearing upon those parties listed on the attached Service List, by ECF or by first class mail, postage prepaid, as indicated.

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